

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on April 19, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** None

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 33, 4/13/2017  
Executive Action: HJ 33

**HEARING ON HJ 33****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:36 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Interim study resolution on election system modernization.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:29 Rep. McKamey and Rep. Garner joined the meeting.  
00:05:38 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)  
00:07:37 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:08:08 Katy Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Group (MONTPIrg)  
00:08:43 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:55 Rep. McKamey  
00:11:13 Rep. Bennett  
00:11:50 Rep. Staffanson  
00:12:04 Rep. Bennett  
00:12:40 Rep. Bachmeier left meeting.  
00:12:53 Rep. Skees  
00:13:06 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:13:21 Rep. Skees  
00:13:32 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:13:38 Rep. Skees  
00:13:52 Rep. Bennett  
00:14:10 Rep. Greef  
00:14:44 Rep. Bennett  
00:15:42 Rep. Webber  
00:15:59 Rep. Bennett  
00:16:47 Rep. Sales  
00:17:08 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:18:33 Rep. Webb  
00:18:55 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:19:30 Rep. Skees  
00:19:46 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:20:24 Rep. Webber  
00:20:40 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:21:00 Rep. Custer  
00:21:51 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:23:48 Rep. Staffanson  
00:24:08 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
00:25:00 Chair Mandeville  
00:25:47 Rep. Bennett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:40 Rep. Bennett

**Committee Business:**

00:28:02 Rep. Karjarla joined the meeting  
00:30:00 Chair Mandeville  
00:30:10 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXHIBIT(sth80a01)**

00:31:24 Chair Mandeville  
00:31:40 Rep. Skees  
00:31:51 Chair Mandeville

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33**

00:32:46 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HJ 33 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:32:57 Rep. Skees  
00:34:33 Rep. Bennett  
00:35:31 Rep. McKamey  
00:37:22 Rep. Staffanson  
00:37:26 Rep. Custer  
00:39:18 Rep. Staffanson  
00:39:46 Rep. Custer  
00:40:16 Rep. Bennett  
00:40:50 Rep. Staffanson  
00:41:40 Rep. Greef  
00:42:39 Rep. Lenz  
00:44:12 Rep. Garner  
00:45:05 Rep. Webber  
00:46:33 Rep. Skees  
00:46:56 Rep. Garner left meeting.  
00:47:21 Chair Mandeville  
00:47:52 Rep. McKamey  
00:49:49 Rep. Karjala  
00:50:41 Rep. Custer

00:54:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Skees, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Garner and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:55:36

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT([sth80aad.pdf](#))**